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Sri A. RATNAM :—" தனிப்பட்டவர்களுக்கு குடிசைத் தொழிலின் கீழ் எவ்வளவு பண உதவி அளிக்கப்பட்டது. நிலங்கள் கோரி எத்தனை மனுக்கள் போடப்பட்டது ? ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கும், பிற்பட்ட வகுப்பினருக்கும் எவ்வளவு நிலங்கள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டன ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would suggest to the hon. Member to put a separate question, Sir."

Legislation to facilitate the settlement of disputes between beedi workers and their employers.

* 275 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government are considering any proposal for suitable legislation to obviate the legal difficulty in settling disputes between beedi workers and the employers, as pointed out by the Industrial Tribunal, Madras, in their award, dated 11th August 1954, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 8th September 1954?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir."

Strike in the Feroke Tile Works and the Madura Engineering Works, Malabar.

* 276 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) what conciliation measures the Government have taken regarding the strike in the Feroke Tile Works and the Madura Engineering Works, Malabar, which started on 31st May 1954;

(*b*) how many workers were involved in the strike; and

(*c*) whether the Labour Officer, Malabar, has sent any report to the Government regarding the strike, and if so, when?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The conciliation proceedings were held of the Labour Officer, Kozhikode. I also discussed the matter with Sri K. P. Gopalan. Consequently an agreement was arrived at between the management and workers before the Collector of Malabar. The strike and lockout in the factories came to an end on the 14th July 1954.

" (*b*) Four hundred and seventy-six workers were involved in the strike.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir. He sent the report on 16th June 1954."

New blocks under the National Extension Scheme.

* 277 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of new centres to be opened under the National Extension Scheme during the year 1954; and

(*b*) whether any centres are proposed to be opened in South Arcot district, and if so, where?